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Strengthening of Ajanta Caves
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to strengthen the ancient and heritage structures of famous caves in the country especially in Maharashtra as Ajanta & Verul caves which are said to be deteriorating day by day;

(b) whether the Government has recently received any assurance from the Japan Government during the recent visit of the PM for preserving and maintaining the old heritage structures specially at Ajanta Caves in Maharashtra State; and

(c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c) Conservation work of the protected monuments is a continuous process and the essential repair/strengthening works are attended on them including protected caves in Maharashtra, as per the availability of resources and requirement of repairs at different sites. The conservation work of protected monuments is funded from the budget allocation of Government of India and not dependent upon any foreign assistance. Due to regular care the protected monuments are in a fairly good state of preservation.